

Bezier curve is defined by the following equation:

$$F(t) = \sum_{i=0}^m B_i^m(t) \cdot \mathbf{b}_i \quad (1)$$

We want to find its derivative:

$$F'(t) = \sum_{i=0}^m B_i^{\prime m}(t) \cdot \mathbf{b}_i \quad (2)$$

Let's start first by finding the derivative of a Bernstein polynomial (I omit  $(t)$  for clarity).

$$B_i^m = \binom{m}{i} t^i (1-t)^{m-i} \quad (3)$$

$$B_i^{\prime m} = \binom{m}{i} [it^{i-1}(1-t)^{m-i} - (m-i)t^i(1-t)^{m-i-1}] = \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{m!}{i!(m-i)!} \cdot it^{i-1}(1-t)^{m-i} - \frac{m!}{i!(m-i)!} \cdot (m-i)t^i(1-t)^{m-i-1} = \quad (5)$$

$$= m \frac{(m-1)!}{(i-1)!(m-i)!} t^{i-1}(1-t)^{m-i} - m \frac{(m-1)!}{i!(m-1-i)!} t^i(1-t)^{m-i-1} = \quad (6)$$

$$mB_{i-1}^{m-1} - mB_i^{m-1}. \quad (7)$$

This is true for  $i \geq 1$ , and derivative of  $B_0^m$  is just  $-mB_0^{m-1}$ . Therefore, we have

$$B_i^{\prime m} = m(B_{i-1}^{m-1} - B_i^{m-1}), i \geq 1. \quad (8)$$

Then our initial sum (2) can be rewritten in the following way:

$$F' = -mB_0^{m-1} \mathbf{b}_0 + m \sum_{i=1}^m (B_{i-1}^{m-1} - B_i^{m-1}) \cdot \mathbf{b}_i = m[B_0^{m-1} b_1 - B_1^{m-1} b_1 + B_1^{m-1} b_2 - B_2^{m-1} b_2 + \dots] = \quad (9)$$

$$= m \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} B_i^{m-1} [\mathbf{b}_{i+1} - \mathbf{b}_i]. \quad (10)$$

This concludes the proof.